

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 3/6/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kimberly Miramon, Admin. Svcs. Mgr. 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the appointments of Lorna Hewitt and Theresa Merkle to the Mental Health Board (MHB)			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the appointments of Lorna Hewitt and Theresa Merkle to the Mental Health Board.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State and Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>June 21, 2011</u>	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Behavioral Health / Kimberly Miramon, Admin. Svcs. Mgr.
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Amy Olson, ASO II
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DATE: 3/6/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve the appointments of Lorna Hewitt and Theresa Merkle to the Mental Health Board (MHB)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointments of Lorna Hewitt and Theresa Merkle to the Mental Health Board.

DISCUSSION

The following two candidates are seeking membership on the Mental Health Board (MHB) in order to fill the two vacancies on said Board:

- Lorna Hewitt, consumer, replacing Margaret Camuso, for a term ending 6/30/2014
- Theresa Merkle, community member, replacing Kim Barrett, for a term ending 6/30/2012

In accordance with State regulations pertaining to Mental Health Boards, the Board of Supervisors appoints prospective members and the renewal of members. In this County, the practice has been for the MHB to recruit candidates and make recommendations for appointment. Those candidates who meet the qualifications and can fill the needed member categories are then presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The MHB advocates for the needs of those with mental illness and serves in an advisory capacity to the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department and the County Board of Supervisors.

The MHB is required by Welfare and Institutions Code 5604 to have fifty percent of its members be consumers or the parents, spouse, siblings, or adult children of consumers who are currently or have received mental health services. At least twenty percent of the total membership shall be consumers and at least twenty percent shall be families of consumers.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Mental Health Board has made this recommendation. The County Clerk Recorder's Office has reviewed the above-mentioned request for appointments to the Mental Health Board and has confirmed that the terms of office are accurate and that all posting requirements have been met.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2011-12 Budget includes a minimal amount (no more than \$1,000) to cover costs associated with membership (primarily occasional travel to statewide meetings, or supplies, etc) and is funded by State and Federal funds.

RESULTS

The renewal of members and the appointment of a new member to the Mental Health Board help to meet mandates for representation and ensure that it meets the goal to advocate effectively for the needs of those individuals with mental illness in the community. The Mental Health Board supports the County-wide goal of a healthy community through its actions and recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mental Health Board Appointment Applications L. Hewitt and T. Merkle